

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

The drawings and specification have been amended to more clearly describe the invention.

Claims 11-20 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Cordery (U.S. Patent No. 5,628,249). Claims 11-20 have been canceled.

Claims 1-9 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown, et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,337,743 B1) and Cordery, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,628,249).

The Brown patent and this patent application were owned by Pitney Bowes Inc. at the time both inventions were made. Title 35 USC §103(a) has been amended so that subject matter developed by another person which qualifies as prior art only under subsection (e), (f) and (g) of section 102 of Title 35 shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were owned, at the time the invention was made, by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

Applicants have submitted a statement of common ownership under 35 USC §103(c) to remove the Brown patent as prior art.

Cordery discloses the following in line 61 of column 1 to line 14 of column 2:

“The above object is achieved and the disadvantages of the prior art are overcome in accordance with the subject invention by means of an apparatus and method for producing a mail

piece, wherein the apparatus includes a first printer for printing a document and a mail finishing unit for receiving the document from the first printer and inserting the document into an envelope to form a mail piece. The mail finishing unit includes a second printer for printing an address on the envelope prior to insertion of the document into the envelope. The apparatus also includes a controller which is responsive to mail piece data; the mail piece data including first data for defining the document and second data for defining the address to be printed on the document. In accordance with the method of the subject invention the document is printed in the first printer and the envelope is printed with the corresponding address in the second printer prior to insertion of the document into the envelope and the printed document and printed envelope are fed along separate paths to an inserter where the document is inserted into the envelope."

The prior art does not disclose or anticipate steps b(i), b(ii), e and f of claim 1, as amended, and those claims dependent thereon, namely, if said print stream comprises text data then tagging said text data and sending said tagged text data to a user mode module for further parsing; or if said print stream does not comprise text data then sending said print stream for direct data injection step for a document printer; creating an envelope printer device context from the document driver and transmitting said envelope data set to an envelope printer driver for creating an envelope printer device language file; and reading said printer device language and then injecting said envelope data set into said print stream so that the envelope data may be transmitted to the envelope printer and the document data to the document printer.

A document driver is used by Applicants to print to an envelope driver using a device context. The foregoing enables a single print stream to be transmitted to a document printer. This enables one to drive two printers with a single I/O link.

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In view of the above, claims 1-10 are patentable. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at the telephone number noted below.

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FIG. 3B

